

**Senate File 2248 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2248  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2159)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to management of the emerald ash borer.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. EMERALD ASH BORER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

2 1. The department of natural resources, in cooperation  
3 with the department of agriculture and land stewardship,  
4 shall establish an emerald ash borer advisory committee for  
5 the purpose of developing a statewide comprehensive plan to  
6 address issues related to the emerald ash borer and how to best  
7 assist rural landowners and municipalities in dealing with the  
8 emerald ash borer and the aftereffects of its infestation. In  
9 considering both the short-term and long-term opportunities  
10 and solutions, the advisory committee shall review and analyze  
11 relevant issues and make recommendations regarding the state's  
12 rural and urban ash tree resources including but not limited  
13 to all of the following:

14 a. The current status of Iowa's rural and urban ash tree  
15 resources and any activities and programs related to managing  
16 emerald ash borer impacts.

17 b. The economic, environmental, and societal value of  
18 Iowa's rural and urban ash tree resources.

19 c. The cost of damage to woodlands and trees from the  
20 emerald ash borer.

21 d. The potential public safety threat posed by dead and  
22 dying ash trees.

23 e. A review of the emerald ash borer invasive species  
24 management challenges.

25 f. In consultation with landfill operators, energy utility  
26 providers, and other related stakeholders, a review of wood  
27 waste removal issues and potential solutions and uses for wood  
28 waste.

29 g. A review of the emerald ash borer management strategies  
30 of other midwestern states.

31 2. By November 14, 2014, the advisory committee shall  
32 submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the  
33 governor and the general assembly.

34 3. The task force shall be composed of the following  
35 members:

- 1 a. The following members of the task force shall be  
2 appointed by the governor:
- 3 (1) One representative of the coalition for Iowa's  
4 woodlands and trees.
  - 5 (2) One representative of the Iowa woodland owners  
6 association.
  - 7 (3) One representative of trees forever.
  - 8 (4) One representative of the Iowa tree farm committee.
  - 9 (5) One representative of the Iowa arborist association.
  - 10 (6) One representative of the northeast Iowa forestry  
11 advisory committee.
  - 12 (7) One representative of the Iowa association of county  
13 conservation boards.
  - 14 (8) One representative of the Iowa farm bureau federation.
  - 15 (9) One representative of the Iowa urban tree council.
  - 16 (10) One representative of the Iowa chapter of the society  
17 of American foresters.
  - 18 (11) One representative of the Iowa league of cities.
  - 19 (12) One representative of the Iowa insurance institute.
  - 20 (13) One representative of the Iowa nursery and landscape  
21 association.
  - 22 (14) Two representatives of wood products producers in  
23 Iowa.
  - 24 (15) One representative of the forestry consulting industry  
25 in Iowa.
  - 26 (16) One representative of the Iowa utilities board.
  - 27 (17) One representative of municipal foresters in Iowa.
  - 28 (18) One representative of a bio-energy project from the  
29 university of Iowa.
  - 30 (19) One representative of the Iowa chapter of the American  
31 public works association.
  - 32 (20) One representative of the Iowa society of solid waste  
33 operations.
- 34 b. The director of the department of transportation or the  
35 director's designee.

1 c. The director of the department of natural resources or  
2 the director's designee.

3 d. The secretary of agriculture or the secretary's  
4 designee.

5 e. Two ex officio members of each house of the general  
6 assembly. One member each shall be selected by the majority  
7 leader of the senate and by the minority leader of the senate,  
8 and one member each shall be selected by the speaker of the  
9 house of representatives and by the minority leader of the  
10 house of representatives. Members of the general assembly  
11 shall be entitled to receive per diem and necessary travel and  
12 actual expenses pursuant to section 2.10, subsection 5, while  
13 carrying out their official duties as members of the advisory  
14 committee.

15 4. The director of the department of natural resources, or  
16 the director's designee, and the secretary of agriculture, or  
17 the secretary's designee, shall serve as co-chairpersons of the  
18 advisory committee.

19 Sec. 2. EMERALD ASH BORER INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE. The  
20 legislative council is requested to establish an interim  
21 study committee, composed of members of the senate and house  
22 of representatives, to meet during the 2014 interim, to  
23 review the report submitted by the emerald ash borer advisory  
24 committee. The study committee shall present its findings and  
25 recommendations in a report to the 2015 session of the general  
26 assembly.

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#### EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill relates to management of the emerald ash borer.

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32 in cooperation with the department of agriculture and land  
33 stewardship, to establish an emerald ash borer advisory  
34 committee for the purpose of developing a statewide  
35 comprehensive plan to address issues related to the emerald

1 ash borer and how to best assist rural landowners and  
2 municipalities in dealing with the emerald ash borer and  
3 the aftereffects of its infestation. The membership of the  
4 advisory committee is specified. The advisory committee  
5 is required to submit a final report with findings and  
6 recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by  
7 November 14, 2014.

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9 interim study committee, composed of members of the senate and  
10 house of representatives, to meet during the 2014 interim, to  
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12 committee.